



## 2009 ART & ESSAY CONTEST RULES

**THEME:** *If I could spend a day with George Washington Carver...*

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**TEACHERS:** The following is *required* in your packet of entries:

1. **TYPED** and **NUMBERED** list for *each* category (art or essay) of all participating students' names (please do not list students who are not participating). Some teachers will submit two lists: art and essay. Numbered lists of students are used during judging.  
NOTE: submissions without the list will not be submitted for judging until the list is received.
2. Return mailing label with the school's name and address clearly printed or typed
3. Daytime telephone number
4. School email address for each participating classroom *and* art teacher

### **ART REQUIREMENTS**

1. Any fourth grade student may enter.
2. Students may enter both categories of the contest: art category and essay category.
3. A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower, right corner of the *back* of each entry, out of the view of judges:
  - student name
  - school name and building, if appropriate
  - teachers – art teacher and classroom teacher, if appropriate
4. **Flat media (drawings, paintings, etc.) may not exceed 24 inches on each side.**
5. Freestanding artwork may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. Three-dimensional artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. **George Washington Carver National Monument and Missouri Southern State University are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping.** Loose items or those that are not fastened securely may be subject to loss or damage.
6. Please contact George Washington National Monument if your students plan to create art entries that may need special handling. For example, if an entire class makes mobiles, arrangements will be made for display purposes.

## **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Any fourth grade student may enter.
2. Students may enter both categories of the contest: art category and essay category.
3. A label with the following information must be affixed to the lower, right corner of the **back** of each entry, out of the view of judges:
  - student name
  - school name and building, if appropriate
  - teacher
4. Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length. Longer essays will not be judged.
5. Format: 8 1/2 inch by 11-inch paper. Do not submit folders or binders. The park staff will display essay entries in 3-ring binders.

**Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Contest entries will be judged by the following criteria:**

### **ART REQUIREMENTS**

1. Creativity
2. Originality
3. Technical ability
4. Expression of the theme

### **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Creativity
2. Knowledge of facts
3. Legibility
4. Expression of the theme
5. Spelling-capitalization-punctuation

The deadline for all entries is February 14, 2009, and entries will be accepted any time before the deadline. If mailed they must be postmarked by February 14, 2009. Bring entries to the monument or mail to:

**George Washington Carver National Monument  
5646 Carver Road  
Diamond, MO 64840**

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**Everyone who participates is a winner!** There will be trophies for first, second and third place in both categories, plus an honorable mention will be awarded per classroom for both art and essay. A \$50 savings bond will be awarded to the first place winner of each category. Also, there will be one overall classroom award given to the class that submits the most creative work in each category, with the teacher receiving a Carver biography for the classroom. All students who participate will receive a commemorative certificate.

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## **THE SHOW**

All artwork will be on display for the public at George Washington Carver National Monument during the month of March. Essays will be placed on display after judging, mid-March. Please invite families to visit the display!

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument...all participating students, art teachers, classroom teachers, education directors, principals, and parents are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Please plan to collect your artwork following the awards ceremony. Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.